

**2012 APPROVED
WORK PLAN AND MEETING SCHEDULE
for the
LAND GRANT COMMITTEE**

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Work Plan

The Land Grant Committee was created by the New Mexico Legislative Council on May 9, 2012. The committee proposes to focus on the following topics:

1. a review of legislation endorsed by the committee but not passed in the 2012 legislative session: HB 45, SB 40, SB 93, SB 94, SB 121 and HJR 7;
2. natural resource extraction from land grants:
 - a) illegal extraction and prosecution and protection issues at the Anton Chico Land Grant;
 - b) personal use versus income generation for the Abiquiu Land Grant;
 - c) economic potential of large- and small-scale resource extraction at the Cebolleta Land Grant;
 - d) environmental impacts; and
 - e) collaboration with the United States Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management;
3. taxes and land grants:
 - a) presentation by the Taxation and Revenue Department on taxation issues affecting land grant common lands;
 - b) the problem of double taxation on certain land grant properties;
 - c) complications arising from land grant lands after being within multiple counties; and
 - d) taxes on revenues generated by land grants, including:
 - i. from the sale of mineral rights; and
 - ii. leases for cellular towers, billboards, wind farms or other uses;

4. state parks and land grants:
 - a) access to state park land for community and cultural events, hiring of land grant heirs to work in state parks and traditional uses of former land grant land now within the state park by the Manzano Land Grant heir; and
 - b) reversion of land not being utilized by the State Parks Division of the Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department to the San Miguel del Vado Land Grant;
5. federal legislation affecting land grants, including the Farm Bill;
6. a report on the continued progress of the UNM Land Grant Studies Program mapping project;
7. the camposanto and return of common lands in the San Joaquin del Rio Chama Land Grant;
8. a request that the New Mexico congressional delegation introduce a bill granting a patent to the San Antonio del Rio Colorado Land Grant (Questa grant);
9. UNM and the land grants, including:
 - a) progress and needs of the Land Grant Studies Program;
 - b) exploration of synergies between the Land Grant Studies Program and the UNM School of Law; and
 - c) training of lawyers and judges on land grant issues;
10. an update on the possibility of the Marquez Wildlife Management Area being transferred to the Cebolleta Land Grant;
11. an examination of issues surrounding keeping young people living on and working for the land grants;
12. changes required to the Engineering and Surveying Practice Act;
13. updates by the Land Grant Council on the work and needs of the council, including:
 - a) funding needs;
 - b) outreach to land grant communities; and
 - c) progress on outstanding issues;
14. an update on the Tierra Amarilla Land Grant board and the dispute over mineral rights sold to the Wind River Energy Corporation;
15. an update on the litigation concerning the quiet title actions involving the Cristobal de la Serna Land Grant and Arroyo Hondo Land Grant;
16. legislation concerning strengthening state law on quiet title actions and the filing and recording of false documents of title; and
17. an update to the committee from the Land Grant Consejo.

**Land Grant Committee
2012 Approved Meeting Schedule**

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Location</u> |
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| June 15 | Santa Fe |
| July 16-17 | San Antonio del Rio Colorado Land Grant (Questa) |
| August 23-24 | Anton Chico |
| October 4-5 | Chilili |
| November 13 | Santa Fe |